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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **YAMAJI, et al.**

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November 17, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated **August 17, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: